4 November 2013 - The Met Office road team will be exhibiting on stand F16 at the Scottish Road Expo on 6-7th November at the Royal Highland Centre in Edinburgh.

The event will give visitors the opportunity to learn how The Met Office's operational products such as OpenRoad and route-based forecasts can help the Scottish Road network efficiently prepare for adverse weather.

Also on show, the Met Office College's new e-learning course 'Weather Basics'. The course is designed to provide a basic introduction to weather principles and their impacts on road, car park and walkway surfaces.

Patrick Sachon, Met Office Business Manager for Road said: "We are delighted to be able to support our partners in the Scottish Road Industry by attending the Expo.

"The Met Office is committed to helping the Scottish Government plan to reduce, mitigate and prepare for the effects of adverse weather and climate change. Keeping the roads moving during winter is a major part of this and we have recently supplied an advisor to work within Transport Scotland's control centre during the winter period, to ensure that both members of the public and the Scottish Government are well prepared for all potential weather risks this season."

Other Met Office services to help support the government and emergency resilience community in Scotland include:

- A team of Edinburgh-based Public Weather Service Advisors work with Scottish Resilience, a department of the devolved Government, to ensure everyone is prepared for high-impact weather.
- The National Severe Weather Warning Service keeps people informed of severe weather through TV, radio and the web.
- Daily weather forecasts, supported by dedicated heavy rainfall warnings and visual information systems, support the Scottish Environment Protection Agency in their flood warning activity.
- New radar systems to improve Scottish coverage have been installed, which will lead to more accurate forecasts of extreme rainfall.

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